EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



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Situation Report Winter Storm Event January 27, 2009 11:00 a.m.

With a cold front pushing in from Canada meeting with a lot of Gulf moisture, Missouri is currently receiving, snow, sleet and freezing rain in amounts that can be hazardous to our citizenry. The freezing rain is concentrated in Southeast Missouri, with sleet north of that area into Central and Eastern Missouri. The sleet (which is some areas was preceded by freezing rain) has made highway travel hazardous in the early morning hours. All major highways are open, but they are treacherous in spots. A second round of precipitation has entered Missouri and expected to leave widespread snow throughout most of the State, south of I-70. There have been four fatalities reported in weather related accidents throughout the state.

SEMA has activated the State EOC to a limited level one activation. SEMA staff will man the EOC at 24 hour staffing through until further notice.

Power outages - Utilities:

Spotty outages have been reported along the southern tier of counties. Some have been restored to service.

Ameren UE-4700 meters without power primarily is South East Missouri with Sikeston, Caruthersville and Malden reporting some outages.

Empire Electric - No outages reported.

Kansas City Power and Light - No outages reported.

Missouri Electric Cooperatives - Four cooperatives are reporting 6,700 meters without power.

Counties/Cities Reports:

Barry County – Icy roads throughout the county. Power outage reported near Shell Knob No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Bollinger County – Mostly sleet with 3-4 inches on ground. No significant power outages. Emergency vehicles are primary concern on the highways.

Butler County – Thick layer of ice with snow on top. No significant power outages. Two shelters are on standby. No requests for assistance at this time.

Cape Girardeau County – Some freezing rain throughout the county. Some roads are treacherous and MoDOT is working on the main highways. No Shelters are open. No power outages. No requests for assistance at this time.

Carter County – Sleet on the ground. No major issues with water or power. No shelters are anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Christian County – Some 'slide offs' Monday night. One fatal accident that is weather related, but no details available. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Douglas County – Lots of traffic problems Monday night. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time. EOC is on standby.

Dunklin County – City of Campbell and Holcomb report spotty outages. City of Malden has intermittent outages. All roads are open.

Howell County – Freezing rain and sleet that has caused 200 homes to be without power. Roads are hazardous, but passable. No requests for assistance at this time. City of Willow Springs reports no outages. School is being set up for a shelter. City of West Plains reports no outages and no major problems.

Johnson County $-\frac{1}{2}$ inch of snow. No damages and no requests at this time.

Madison County – Primary roads are passable, secondary roads are covered with freezing rain/sleet. No power outages.

McDonald County – Icy roads and some 'slide-offs'. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Mississippi County – 200-300 people without power. Warming centers are on standby.

New Madrid County – Some outages in the Cities of Lilburn, Parma and Matthews. Mostly individuals' homes have lost power. Portageville is getting rain, some outages including the Nursing Home.

Ripley County – Main roads are clear. American Red Cross is preparing for opening a shelter. City of Naylor is without power.

Scott County – Sikeston has one business closed due to roof failure. Power outage Monday night, but has been restored. One warming center will be open at noon. EOC is open. No requests for assistance at this time.

Stoddard County – EOC has been open since midnight. 100-150 people without power. Ameren is working to restore service. No major needs at this time. Problems are secondary roads, ambulances are slipping on the highways.

Taney County – Icy roads and some accidents. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time. Two shelters are on standby.

Texas County – Ice with sleet on top. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Webster County – Lots of 'slide-offs' Monday night. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Wright County - No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

State Agencies:

Missouri Department of Agriculture - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Missouri Department of Corrections - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Missouri Department of Mental Health - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Missouri Department of Transportation – All major roads are open at this time. However, all roads south of a line from Harrisonville (south of Kansas City) to Hannibal are either snow or ice covered. Some road closures on minor roads in the southern districts. Where roads are wet, MoDOT advises that they could re-freeze quickly!

Missouri Department of Social Services - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Missouri National Guard - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Missouri State Fire Marshal - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Missouri State Highway Patrol – Reports four accidents with four fatalities throughout the state. Troop E reports snow and ice covered roads. Quiet morning so far. Troop E – Nothing to report at this time. Troop E – Ice and snow covered highways. I-44 is now freezing up. I-44 closed at Mile Marker 176, but is now open. Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Missouri State Water Patrol - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Volunteer Agencies:

American Red Cross – Working to open one shelter in Doniphan, Missouri (Ripley County). Assisting people in Jasper County that are awaiting bus transportations (about 20 people).

AmeriCorp Volunteers - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Salvation Army - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Weather:

National Weather Service (St. Louis) reports the area south of I-44 had about 1-3 inches of sleet as well as freezing rain. Another surge of precipitation is mostly snow with freezing rain along the border of the states. They are expecting another $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 inch of sleet/freezing rain south of 1-44 along with 1-3 inches of snow on top of the frozen precipitation.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed until further notice on a 24-hour basis.